



Saint Gerard Majella

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# THE MAJELLAN



We, the editors-THE JUNIORS OF '61- have printed this year-book in order to give the seniors of this year a gift on the night of their farewell. We hope they will be pleased with our effort. We also hope that the printing of this book will become a tradition for the junior classes to come.

We have taken the name-Majellan-to give honor to our patron saint, Gerard Majella, who has been looking after this school since its adolescence and has never failed us since. We pray that this scanty honor we pay to him in this book will help us always to have and never lose his protection.





Rev. Bernard Guenther  
Director

*Thanks for the help  
& cooperation  
Bernard J. Guenther C.S.R.*

*Reminiscing through the days of the past years at Villa Majella we, the students realize that one memory worth keeping will be that of our beloved director, Father Guenther. He has been our counselor in doubt, our confidant in sorrow, and a father always. Firm but with... loving interest, he has sacrificed his time, talents, and his priestly warm heart to solve the difficulties of each student in Villa Majella.*

*You can be assured we will never disappoint you, Father. With your priestly blessing forged deeply on our brows we go forth with the lighted tapers of faith, hope, and charity kept burning with unwavering enthusiasm and prayerful confidence to bear our cross with Christ as He bore His.*

*May God bless you, Father, and thank you for all.*



Advice, Space and words are not  
 sufficient to express the great joy and  
 comforts you've given me during our  
 brief acquaintance. Always, that I be  
 most grateful. Please continue to love  
 and encourage me. be assured of contin-  
 ued and many heartfelt remembrances -  
 Truly love,  
 Father Jim



Rev. Bruno Lischwe  
 Father Socius

Well, Bruno, to  
 a man you may be  
 just a <sup>the</sup> boy, but  
 mother you are a  
 divine. God  
 love you just  
 as you are  
 Bruno / Father  
 C.S.R.



Rev. James Hennessy  
 Father Confessor



John Nuti

The name "John Nuti" will always be a fond remembrance. Giving up his few vacations from his work in Chicago he has come to our school to help out in the teaching chores and to give confidence and hints that will help us in our quest for the religious habit and vows. Although he is not a religious himself he has been secretary at Villa Redeemor, Glenview, for many years and knows many of the troubles and also the happinesses taken on with the religious garb. We would like to give our most sincere thank you to you John but that would not even be enough to show how we feel.

Thanks John and may God bless you...



Mrs. Ann Voch

"Miss Ann" as she is known around the kitchen is one of the many gifts from heaven that God has given us here at the school. Her kind-hearted methods of teaching the cooking arts have helped us many times when we would have liked to throw a certain batch of food out. Her fine foods will always be a thought worth licking your lips about. We want to thank her for all the little things she has done for us also.



# SENIOR



# CLASS





*Thanks for everything "mom"  
 God love you always  
 Tom Deutch*

Thomas Deutch  
 "Tom"  
 Chicago, Illinois

Tom is our chief electrician and handyman for making and fixing light fixtures and motors. He is always willing to show the hairs on his chest, he claims that is what spinach did for him. He is a gift to women.

*Dear Ann,  
 You have been a very good  
 cook, and more than that,  
 a mother to us. Thank  
 you from the bottom of  
 my heart. Love,  
 One of your many sons,  
 Dave*

David Fletcher  
 "Dave"  
 Allen Park, Michigan

Dave is the head of our laundry. Anytime you send your clothes to the laundry and get them back your wonder is how he got them so clean. He is a gifted chatter box. Oh! He is little silly at times in his moods but he always has time for everyone.





*I know that I will  
never forget you - Lots of luck!  
As ever,  
Ken*



Kenneth Fritz  
"Ken"  
New Orleans, La.

Here is an excellent carpenter, and it would make you marvel to see some of the carpentry work he has done. He is a gifted and clever remark maker and he is welcomed to all parties. Although he makes strange faces when sings, he carries a wonderful melody.

Walter Goodwin  
"Uncle Walt"  
Unbesided

Walt was formerly from Saint Louis but now claims his home is in California. The reason we call him Uncle Walt is because he is in his middle thirties and is more like an uncle to us. He is never lost for words and loves to talk in parables. Could this be because he works around the sacristy?



*God Bless  
you + keep  
you always  
as you are  
Yours in Christ  
Walt*





*Mother*  
 I will miss you  
 and bless and love Mother  
 of Perpetual Help Guide and  
 protect you always.  
 Love  
 Jim T. Olsen

James Olsen

"Jim"

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Jim is charming, cute (HA), and has a casual personality all his own. As far as work goes he would be a blessing to all women who have the burden of house cleaning and he also has a good green thumb.

*Dear Ann*  
 I shall always  
 remember you in my prayer  
 thanks a lot for all you  
 have done for me  
 Robert "Mother"  
 Vielbaum

Robert Vielbaum  
 "Mother"

Hartford, Wisconsin

We call Bob "mother" for many reasons. He is the tailor, part-time cook, helps with the house cleaning, and is always in a good mood. He is very quiet but is always around when needed.







John Weidinger  
"Hank"  
Kansas City, Missouri

John is our garager man and he really knows how to keep the cars in tip-top shape. He eats about as much as he sleeps and sits around as much as he works. Hank is our greatest hockey player being manager for one action packed game after another and lost only once all year. His favorite saying, "I'm gonna hit you 'top of your head" shows you why he wins.

*Thank you for all you  
have done for me  
and all of the  
good food you  
have given me, and  
they are real  
good. John Weidinger*

Richard Willburn  
"Dick"  
Amarillo, Texas

Dick is our chief plumber here at school and he really knows his trade also. He is a tall, lanky and a person easy to look at. Inward depth of character popping out from a tremendous personality; sincere in all he undertakes.



*Dick Willburn*



# JUNIOR

## TOP SPORTSMEN OF 1961

FOOTBALL: Juniors 42 - Freshmen 0  
BASEBALL: Juniors 8 - Seniors 7

# CLASS





Timothy Grotty  
"Tim"  
New Orleans, Louisiana

There is a saying about him that matches the words of a song. While he was in his cast he "Swayed with a wobble when he walked." A fine athlete in all sports.

*Miss Ann,  
I can't think of anything  
to say in answer to your  
note in my book, so*



Barry Langois  
"Barry"  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

His laughter rings till all must smile. He is a host baker with a professional touch. A jolly small fellow who is always a welcome worker.

*try to  
something  
You have  
like a  
to us  
and so  
to thank  
for that.*

*rebel*



Michael Hill  
"Mike"  
San Antonio, Texas

They say everything grows big in Texas. That happen to Mike? Mike works with brother in the odd job department. He is also our Refectorian and sanitation expert.

*well the year  
has come to a  
close, and your won't  
have to cook for  
so many  
all remember  
you in every  
hamburger  
I eat. I hope  
you can  
make them  
better than I  
buy them.*



Wayne Matherne  
"Woody"  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Has the ability to get into mischief and to come out with a grin. He is our chief painter and can do almost any job after a time at it.

*Johnmy  
Reb*

*It is my ann.  
Many thanks for  
the little goodies  
that you have  
so generously  
given me this  
year. I hope to  
see you next  
year maybe. at  
con. council, your  
new can tell.*

*Well, God bless  
you and all that.*

*Mike*



Dear Miss Ann,  
 a wonderful cook  
 made this  
 wonderful year.  
 Thanks Red



Leonard Stotko  
 "Red"  
 Snohomish, Washington

Red is a man of few words and has his co-operative ways plus a giant smile. His chief duty concerns the odd jobs with wood. He has shown his skill in a model boat built from scrap wood.

Dear Miss Ann,  
 I am in BK  
 again it  
 is for you  
 I hope it  
 will be  
 good  
 for you  
 I hope it  
 will be  
 good  
 for you



James Taylor  
 "Jim"  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

It is very hard to catch his mood. He is another of our carpentors who worked on the beautiful vestment case. He is also a very good sportsman and loves Baseball.

Dear Miss Ann  
 This has been a  
 very nice year.  
 Thank you for  
 letting me drive  
 your car to  
 town for  
 year



William Tabbert  
 "Tex"  
 San Antonio, Texas

Tex is another one of brother's students and with his cousin he makes a bang-up job with the plumbing. Fine, hard worker.



Joe Turner  
 "Joe"  
 New Jersey

Joe is always merry and at times a mischief maker. You can tell by the picture that he is one that can stand out in any crowd.

Dear Miss Ann,  
 You are the sweetest  
 thing alive at  
 Villa Magella  
 and I think with  
 out you would not  
 be any life at  
 Villa Magella  
 because without  
 you who would  
 look.  
 Love + prayers  
 Joe Turner



I miss and  
 I will never for  
 get this year. I had  
 in the kitchen.  
 Here you are  
 Thanks you  
 you did for  
 Paul.



Paul Yasenak  
 "Paul"  
 Grand Haven, Michigan

Paul is one of our many  
 cooks and a good one at  
 that. He was also chief  
 laundry man at the begin-  
 ing of the year.



William Young  
 "Willy"  
 New Orleans, Louisiana

Willy was a late arrival  
 as he came in January but  
 he swung in with us like a  
 pro. He is also a cook and  
 loves to try a new receipt  
 even though they don't always  
 turn out.

There is a lots of  
 things I could say,  
 but words do not come  
 easy. Thanks alot for  
 every thing looking  
 forward in working  
 with you next year  
 may God bless you  
 always  
 B all



Clayton Andresen  
 "Clay"  
 Omaha, Nebraska

Clay is our only sophmore to finish  
 this year but he and we have high  
 hopes that next year we will add to  
 his class. He is an understudy in  
 the rabbit department and will take  
 charge when the seniors leave.

I will not ever forget this wonderful  
 and thank God you don't have any  
 thing to worry I will remember you  
 Clay.



THE  
FRESHMEN  
CLASSES  
OF '61

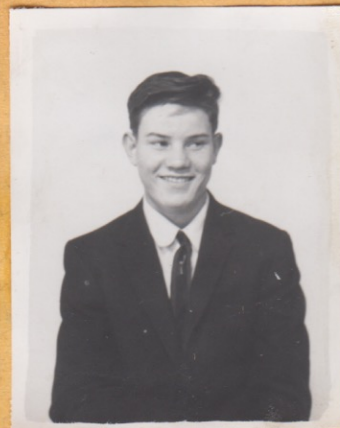




Michael Boltin  
"Mike"  
Omaha, Nebraska

Model Hot Rods is one of his hobbies. He is a fine worker and he never worries nor hurries.

*Michael Boltin  
It isn't  
true all  
the things  
they say about  
me*



Richard Clark  
"Dick"  
Denver, Colorado

One who loves a good joke. An excellent worker and has a happy out-look on life. Also Nickname "SPARKS"

*May God  
Bless you*

*Richard  
Clark*



Alvin Guidry  
"Al"  
Crowley, Louisiana

Lean and lanky, unhurried but never late. Tries his best in everything, most of all "school."

*I liked all of  
your cooking  
and enjoyed  
knowing you  
well for the  
first year  
Alvin Guidry*



John Komiensky  
"John"  
Detroit, Michigan

This is a fellow who seems to be book shy and worry free. He played on the fourteen man freshman team that lost to seven Juniors forty-two to zero...

*John  
Komiensky*





David Menedez  
"Dave"  
Detroit, Michigan

Another Thomas Edison.  
He has a monopoly on  
courtesy.

*To one of the  
the best cooks  
that every learned  
"Dave"*



Eugene Patin  
"Happy"  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Neptune's brother from  
outer space. Occupation  
"Rocket Mechanic." Never  
seems to succeed in his  
adventures though.

*Eugene Patin*



Samuel Pulis  
"Yogi Bear"  
Detroit, Michigan

Escaped from Jelly Stone  
Park. Loved to scare people  
there and still tries.

*Sam Pulis*

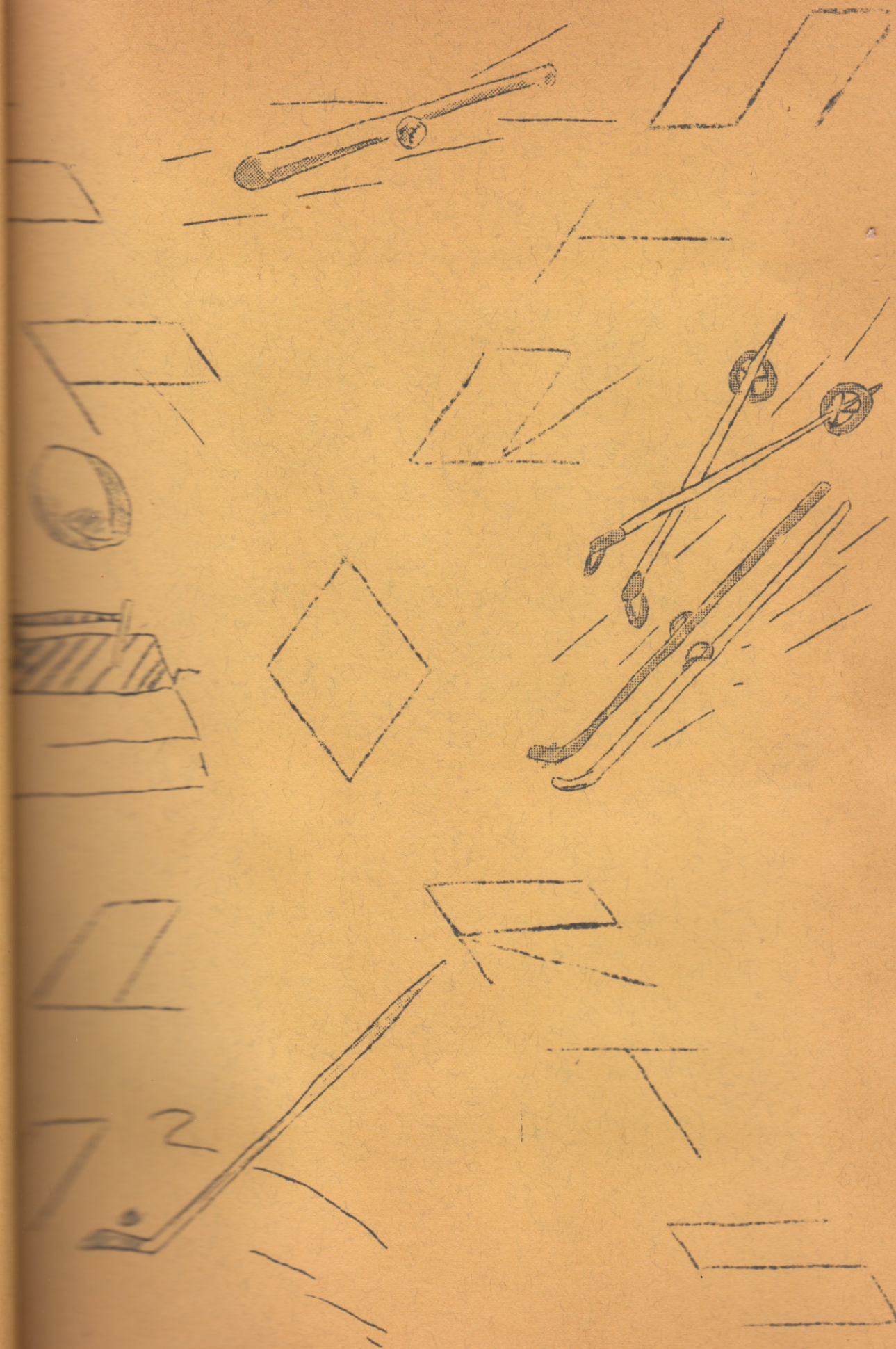


Daniel Taylor  
"Dan"  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

A Freshman who is catching  
on to the carpenter trade  
fast. Loves fishing and,  
as his older brother Jim,  
enjoys baseball.

*Daniel Patrick Taylor*









In this hockey scene we see John Henry, the most outstanding hockey player we have seen here at Villa Majella. He is an all-around sportsman but seems to live on hockey games. Here he is coming in for a score being followed by Dan Taylor, an up-coming freshman player. Leonard Stotko prepares to block John's shot. Even in such circumstances John almost always succeeds to make the score he is after. During the season he lost only one game while being a team captain almost every Saturday and Sunday.





Jean Henry and Father Lischwe are ready to scramble for the puck.



Where is the puck? A collision of players in action.



Who's who? It doesn't matter just so they get the puck out of the corner.



Dick Clark, a freshman, says, "Why did I come out today? I'm frozen!"



Building in back ground - Erected 1925.

Nurse's quarters in Sanatorium days 1905-1943



#### THE 1961 JUNIOR-SENIOR GAME

The first Junior-Senior games was played here, May 10, 1961. The favorites - the Juniors - squeaked by the Senior team by the score of 8 to 7. The big man on the winning team was Red Stotko, the pitcher, who, although a little wild, helped his cause with two hits at the right times. The only home-run came off his bat in the second inning. He got some good solid backing by Tim Crotty and Tex Tabbert, who started the rally in the fifth and came in on successive hits by Jim Taylor and Red. The seniors fought hard but couldn't keep the lead after gaining it three times. It was a much enjoyed game and we hope that in the future there will many more like it.

SUMMARY: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Runs Hits  
 Seniors 0 1 2 0 2 2 0 7 11  
 Juniors 0 2 0 1 5 0 X 8 13  
 Pitching: IP R ER H SO  
 Goodwin (lost) 6 8 8 13 9  
 Stotko (won) 7 7 4 11 12

Seniors (7)	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	FBI
Fletcher	5	1	0	0	0	3	0
Goodwin	5	2	0	0	0	3	1
Vielbaum	5	1	1	0	0	3	1
Fritz	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Deutsch	4	2	1	0	0	1	2
Olsen	4	0	0	0	0	1	2
Willburn	4	2	0	0	0	1	1
Weidinger	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	11	2	0	0	12	7
Juniors (8)	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	FBI
Langlois	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Young	4	1	0	0	0	1	1
Hill	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
Crotty	4	2	1	0	0	0	1
Tabbert	4	3	0	0	0	1	0
Taylor	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Stotko	3	2	0	0	0	1	4
Turner	3	2	1	0	0	1	1
Matherne	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	13	4	0	1	9	8





Fritz, outside to get some air, catches for a practice session. I to K - Kne, D. Taylor, Joltin.



Sportsman John Weidinger gives a few words of inspiration.



Relay from left field shows the closest and easiest way to end our baseball. That is to hit the house.



Ned Stotko in his delivery. Langlois playing short-stop.

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# ACTIVITIES



THE WORKING STULENT

(Tom Deutch above)





Bob Vielbaum and Ken show the days batch of bread. We make all of our bread and rolls.



Fritz- working in the shop. We have a fully equiped shop that allures everyone.



Ken Fritz, Bill Young, and Paul Yasenak working in the kitchen.



Dave Fletcher, boss man in the laundry, doing the white shirts.





One of the most important departments of our work at Villa Majella is the carpentry tasks. Every student has at one time or another tried his hand in the shops. Father Guenther supervises the larger projects such as building a table above. In this picture he is inspecting Ken Fritz's boring.

To give you an idea of the shops and our tools helpfulness in enableing us to do things here are some of our achievements of the past years. The chapel is our first pride. Although we didn't do the brick work, all the other interior work and the roof is our product. Our refectory was completely our work. Other minor things are: bookcases, tables, vestment cases, book stands, candle sticks. one other thing that we completed and was all our work is the two-stall garage for our truck and tractor.

So you can see why we take special pride in our shops. They help us to develop mind as well as work.





Our rabbit men. L to R - Andresen and Fletcher.



Working outside. L to R - Olsen, Menendez, Cudry, and Koreschetz.



Even the winter doesn't keep us down.  
L to R - Stotko, Wilburn, and Olsen.



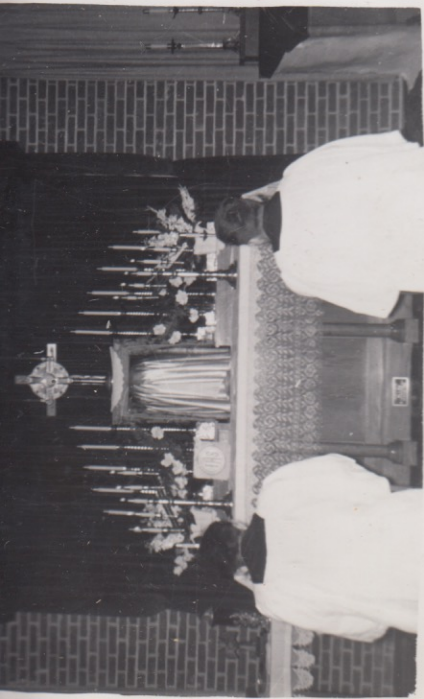
Meanwhile, inside work has Fritz and J. Taylor making the fathers' sacristy cabinet.





The majority of the pictures you have seen so far have been on either work or play. This next section deals with a more important part in our lives. It is centered around our life of prayer. By prayer we will achieve much more merits than all the work and things made through work. This beautiful chapel will someday be gone; but the many prayers and sacrifices that have been made here at the school will always be credited to us by God and no material work or play will ever outlast that merit.





Forty Hours Devotion. Dick Willburn and John Weidinger.



Sam Pullis and Joe Keroschetz getting in some free Devotion.

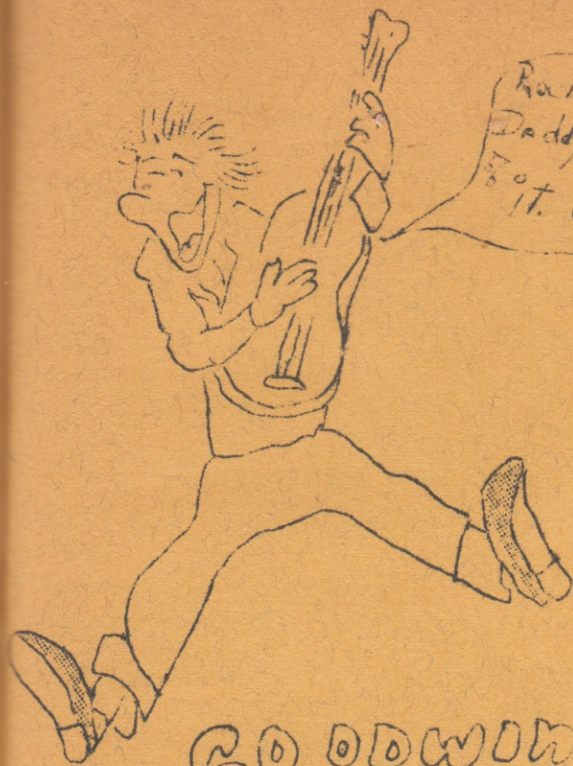


May Procession in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help.



Our Lady's altar in the Villa chapel.





Rock it  
Daddy Rock  
to it. &

GOODWIN



To &  
I got a  
lollipop!  
& &

FR0+2

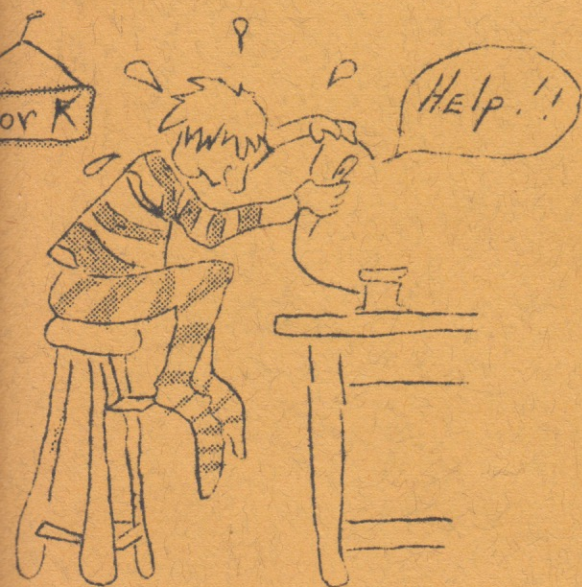


Ha! Ha!  
aint that the  
truth?  
Ha! Ha!  
Ha!

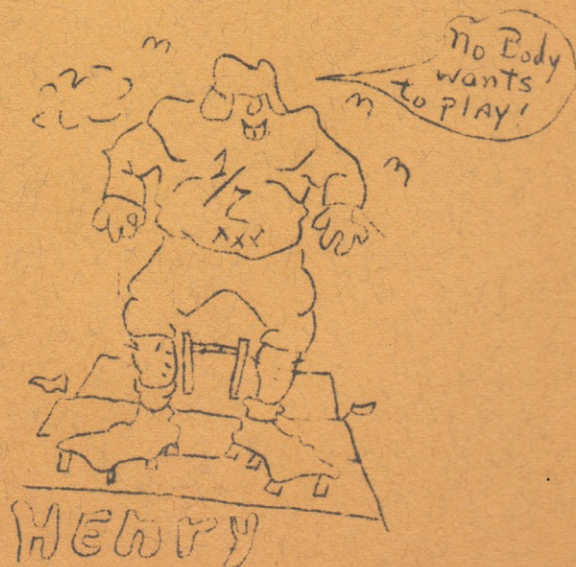
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DEUTSCH





VIELBAUM



WEIDINGER



You are "real sweet"  
YTS over C. D. R.

Brother Columbus, C.S.R.  
Keep smiling in Ann.

May God bless you  
Father Mallow.

May God bless  
you always  
Mrs. Fletcher  
your sweet self in  
the kitchen. Thank  
for everything and always  
the young folks coffee.  
Love Gladys  
Zetterburg.



St. Gerard Statue was located on the top of the hill, where the home of Dr. Calahan stood until 1952, *it was torn down by the Redeemers*

J.M.J.A.

We the senior Class of 1961, cordially invite you to attend the Senior Graduation Banquet, here at Villa Majella School.

The Banquet is scheduled to take place at 6:30, on the evening of the 18th day of the month of May.

R.S.V.P.

The Senior Class of 1961













Ann

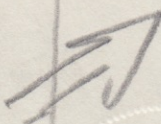
I SEE YOU BROUGHT  
OVER THE TWINS  
FROM THE HOSPITAL, BRO.



YUP!  
THEY'RE  
BRAND  
NEW  
TOO!  
TAKE  
A  
LOOK

Bessie  
artist

Regard when I become  
a grand mother.





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Bud Q.  
artist

chicago

hollywood



Christmas 1999

Dear Friends,

Many years ago I wrote my last common letter to family and friends. I do so now to bring you up to date on many events in my life. First and most important is the new telephone area code: 636. Come February, that is all that will work!

The year, 1999, is the first complete year of retirement with no assigned tasks. What a joy to awake and know I need not rush off to a job somewhere. I am doing stuff I like and enjoying it too!

Last summer I finished with the Wound Care Center. The year and a half bout to heal several ulcers on my left leg proved successful. But I still use the pressure pump twice a day on my legs. I do skip when there is a conflict, like gone for the day, etc. The root problem has not gone away, just the ulcers are healed up but, I still need to be careful and watch for injures. The Moon Booting helps with circulation and swelling.

I planed a three segment vacation last fall (late Sept, early Oct) with the first segment ending at the Illinois Railway Museum near Maringo, Illinois for the MEMBERS WEEKEND. I checked in at a local motel Friday night relaxing, checking out the weather on cable which carried Chicago's WGN. The lead story that evening was of an industrial accident, a crane fell into the Chicago river with two men in the basket. Fellow workers dove in and rescued them. One recovered consciousness by the time the ambulance arrived the other did not. The following days Tribune carried it as a front page story. I enjoyed my weekend and left mid afternoon Sunday for my next stop and to have dinner with a fellow Redemptorists in Oconomowoc, Wis. I planed on departing the following morning on the next leg of my trip, Sault Ste Marie, and a train ride on the Algoma Central through Agawa Canyon to Hurst Ontario, Canada.

Upon my arrival in Oconomowoc about 5:30 I was greeted with the announcement that I had an important message. The mangled name had a couple of phone numbers. I recognized one as my sister Carolyn's. It sounded like a death in the family. A phone call reveled it was her son my nephew John Gindl. The how, told of a crane falling into the river - I knew the story - my stunned heart sank.

The next morning, Monday, I canceled the Hurst trip and all reservations that I had made. I headed south to Lynwood, Illinois, near Dyer, Indiana, for the funeral and family. All the nieces and nephews gathered. John's older brothers and sister and their families, Michael from Iowa, Barbara from Palatine (north west of Chicago), David from Colorado, and his younger sister Mary, widowed a year and a half before. My sister Harriett's children were their too, Mary from Wisconsin, Donna from New York, and Jim from Chicago. The funeral parlor was jammed with family and friends including 102 yr old Grandma Gindl. There was a full church for the service. The mile and a half string of cars really tied up traffic on US 30 as the cortege move through Chicago Heights, Ford City, Salk Village, Lynwood, Illinois, to Dyer, Indiana on its way to the cemetery in Schererville, Indiana.

I miss John. His image appears often. He and his wife Jean, and the four children are constantly in my prayers.

Hobby wise I enjoy trains and railroad modeling. Also I manage a train ride or two. The Gateway Model RR club meets monthly. The Illinois Central Historical Society gathered four days in Louisville last October for their annual meet. I have several models in various stages of construction. And I am always willing to check out a train or two! Now if only I had a space for some track. Oh well, can't have everything.

I get out walking the malls and shopping and the like. Of course I visit my sisters and other family and friends. Time seems to go so quickly. I read a lot not only the daily paper and modeling magazines but various books too. Finishing up another best seller by Frank McCourt.

May the good God have you well blessed, and remembering you in my prayers,

*God Bless, Love, Bro. Jerry*